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TAGS: <u>EUN PHUM PREL IN CU</u>

SUBJECT: GOI LIKELY TO SUPPORT PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

DECLARATION IN UN

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(C/REL ACGU) Poloff delivered reftel demarche to MEA Director (United Nations Economic and Social) Dinesh Patnaik on April 23, urging the GOI to support the prisoner of conscience declaration when it is raised in the UN. Patnaik replied that the GOI can be counted on to support this as it is consistent with India's standing positions in such matters. WHITE